



November 13, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

*Submitted electronically*

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and its members, I am writing to express support for the concept of Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with providing for the safety of the public deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

The Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs represents over one thousand fire departments in Michigan. Our organization realizes first-hand the need for a nationwide IP-based broadband network that would enable firefighters to achieve voice communications interoperability wherever they may respond in the United States as well as the ability to transmit and receive various types of data including incident video and preplan data.

Our nation has a unique opportunity to allocate 30 MHz of spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band to be held in trust for public safety to create a nationwide public safety broadband network. The principles of Cyren Call's proposal include (1) reallocating the 30 MHz block of frequencies from the planned auction of 700 MHz spectrum to public safety; (2) creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust to hold the spectrum license, and (3) using private capital to fund a public/private shared network built to public safety's specifications. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, D.C. to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by allocating the 30 MHz of spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust enabling the principles of Cyren Call's proposal to create a communications system benefiting all Americans.

Sincerely,

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William S. Nelson

President

Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs